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Abstract (en)  
[origin: EP3879859A1] Embodiments of this application disclose a communications method, apparatus, and system, and relate to the field of communications technologies, to resolve a problem that in a scenario in which an operator does not deploy a multicast system of a 5G network across an entire network, an application server cannot determine an area in which the multicast system of the 5G network has been deployed. Specifically, after receiving information about a multicast area that is sent by a sender of a multicast service, a first core network device in a first network obtains, based on the information about the multicast area, indication information that is used to indicate that the first network cannot support the multicast service in the multicast area, or is used to indicate that the first network supports the multicast service in a portion of areas of the multicast area; and sends the indication information to the sender. In this way, the sender of the multicast service can determine whether the first network supports the multicast service in the multicast area.

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